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Applicant: Matsumoto et al.
Serial Number: 09/613,362
Division of: 09/032,284, now issued as U.S. patent 6,165,398
U.S. Filing Date: July 10, 2000
Group Art Unit: 1732
Examiner: Poe, Michael L.
Title: Method of Slip Casting Powdery Material, Mold For Use In Slip Casting Method, And Method Of Manufacturing Open Porous Body For Use In Mold

AMENDMENT A INCLUDING RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, applicant respectfully submits the following response: